AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3 or a nucleotide sequence, having at least about 60% similarity to the full length of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3, that hybridizes to SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3 under conditions of 0.1 x SSC buffer, 0.1% w/v SDS, at a temperature of at least 65°C, wherein an mRNA corresponding to said nucleic acid is differentially or preferentially expressed in human hepatocellular carcinoma tissue or tissue from pancreatic adenocarcinoma relative to other tissue in said subject and/or in subjects not diagnosed with this condition.

2. – 14. (cancelled).

E1 2 ~~15~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

3 ~~16~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

4 ~~17~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

18. (cancelled).